

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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VINEYARD STATISTICS, 1924-25.

(Figures in parentheses refer to previous season)

ACREAGE.- 50,280 (49,303) acres, increase 977 acres, making an increase of 17,496 acres in five years. The areas were classified as for Wine, 29,533 (28,991) acres; Drying, 19,894 (19,499) acres; Table, 753 (813) acres. 43,361 (38,455) acres were shown as being of bearing age.

GRAPE YIELD.- The Total Yield of Grapes was 105,424 (110,295) tons averaging per acre of bearing age 2.43 (2.87) tons; decrease 4,871 tons on the record yield of 1923-24. The yield was utilised as follows:- For Winemaking 62,495 (68,374); Drying 41,773 (40,865) tons; and Table and Export 1,156 (1,056) tons.

CURRENTS.- 109,446 (131,000) cwts; 21,554 cwts below the 1923-24 season, but 19,436 cwts above the average of the previous five years.

RAISINS.- Sultanas 98,045 (82,838) cwts, increase 15,207 cwts; All Other 41,340 (42,168) cwts, decrease 828 cwts. The total, 139,385 (125,006) cwts was 14,379 cwts above the previous record in 1923-24, and 67,708 cwts above the average of the preceding five years.

WINE MADE.- 10,502,381 (10,756,538) gallons, a decrease of 254,157 gallons or 2.36 per cent on the record vintage of the previous season.

The value of the wine made is estimated at £960,632 (£805,269). The great increase in total value for a lesser quantity of wine made is due to higher values being returned by the makers, the average per gallon for the two seasons being  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ( $2\frac{1}{7}$ ) for beverage wine, and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  (7d.) for distillation wine.

There were 89 Wine-makers, 78 making 1,000 gallons and over.

The following are the principal wine Districts and the quantities made in each,- Nuriootpa, Barossa, Angaston, Tanunda, &c., 3,993,949 (4,455,194) gallons; McLaren Vale, Reynella, &c., 1,671,870 (1,482,721) gallons; River Murray 2,692,870 (2,155,023) gallons; Burnside, Magill, &c., 1,035,400 (1,253,471) gallons; Clare, Watervale &c., 313,611 (349,688) gallons.

Of the total vintage 5,651,704 (5,941,483) gallons were made for distillation purposes - brandy and fortifying spirits for wine.

WINE STOCKS.- On June 30th last the stocks of Wine, including the balance of the recent vintage, totalled 11,772,962 (11,275,813) gallons, an increase of 497,149 gallons. Of this quantity 2,329,417 (2,583,863) gallons were reported to be the balance of distillation wine still in stock.

EXPORTS. Oversea Exports of Vineyard Production - Currants 84,751 (67,595) cwts; Raisins and Sultanas 93,168 (54,647) cwts; and Wines 591,134 (753,495) gallons valued at £92,167 (£133,420). In addition Wine was exported to other States as follows:- 2,231,784 (1,701,062) gallons, valued at £644,755 (£494,666) making the grand total exports of Wine 2,822,918 (2,454,557) gallons, valued at £736,922 (£628,086).

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SUMMARY - SEASON 1924-25, COMPARED WITH SEASONS 1919-20 TO 1923-24.

Season	Total Area (Bearing & not Bearing)	Grapes Gathered		Wine made.	
		Total	Av. per acre of Bearing Acre	Quantity	Estimated Value
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Galls.	£
1919-20	32,784	56,558	2.04	5,085,939	643,738
1920-21	36,661	70,134	2.38	7,893,345	993,232
1921-22	41,424	67,502	2.20	6,370,310	664,413
1922-23	46,750	85,701	2.55	8,653,579	860,525
1923-24	49,303	110,295	2.87	10,756,538	805,269
Av. 5 seasons	41,384	78,038	2.44	7,751,942	793,435
1924-25	50,280	105,424	2.43	10,502,381	960,632

Season	Wine in Stock 30th June.	Dried Fruits.		
		Currants	Sultana	Raisins All Other
	Galls.	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
1919-20	7,101,788	80,400	40,729	17,773
1920-21	7,385,000	65,307	24,847	14,687
1921-22	7,563,000	76,534	39,651	26,432
1922-23	9,197,953	96,807	39,670	29,591
1923-24	11,275,813	131,000	82,838	42,168
Av. 5 seasons	8,504,711	90,010	45,547	26,130
1924-25	11,772,962	109,446	98,045	41,340

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